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WOULD DIVIDE GROSS EARNINGS TAXES

Hilding A. Swanson, Brainerd Legislator, Has a Bill Drawn up Intended to Aid the Cities

Brainerd Man Belives the Gross Earnings Tax of the Railways Should be Split---Duluth Approves

Representative Hilding A. Swanson of Brainerd, in a letter to Mayor W. I. Prince, of Duluth, called attention to the railways gross earnings tax and its division to assist communities like Duluth, St. Paul, Brainerd, etc. The division of such a tax to Brainerd would work wonders in rejuvenating city finances. Such a tax would yield Brainerd about \$10,000 annually.

The matter was considered at Duluth as shown by the articles in the Duluth papers following:

Hilding A. Swanson of Brainerd, representative-elect from Crow Wing county, will introduce a bill during the coming session of the state legislature, providing for a division of the gross earnings tax paid into the state treasury by the railroads, according to a communication received this morning by Mayor W. I. Prince.

In his letter to the mayor, Representative Swanson expresses himself as well pleased with the support that the Duluth city officials will give the proposed plan to divide the gross earnings tax and return a proportionate share of the money to the cities, where the roads have terminals and considerable taxable property. He has received similar assurances of support from other municipalities and from a large number of legislators-elects he states.

Representative-elect Swanson points out that Brainerd would receive \$10,000 of the tax, as the Northern Pacific road has property in that city valued at \$2,000,000, about one one-hundredth of the total value of the Northern Pacific property of the state. This \$10,000 would help the city considerably, as it is now short of funds. Street lighting has been discontinued there for several months, street paving work given up and all improvements abandoned, states Mr. Swanson, all because the treasury has lost large revenues since the town went "dry."

Representative Swanson's letter which will be read at the conference of the city commissioners and the members of the Duluth delegation to the state legislature at the city hall this afternoon, follows, in part:

"I am very glad to learn that this matter will receive your consideration. As a representative-elect in this county, I have had the matter before the people since last spring and every taxpayer is in favor of such a law. I have also taken it up with senators and representatives throughout the state and the general impression I have received is that a majority of them are in favor of such a law."

"The railroads should pay a tax, as do other property owners. However, the taxation of railroads is regulated by the constitution, yet that tax may be regulated or divided by an act of the legislature."

Brainerd went "dry" in April, 1915 states Mr. Swanson, and the revenues have been cut down considerably, causing financial embarrassment to the municipality. He wrote another letter, informed the mayor, to Representative Pittenger, explaining the proposed gross earnings tax division bill.

(Duluth News Tribune Dec. 16)
A proposal to amend the gross earnings tax law was submitted to Duluth legislators by the city council at an informal conference between the two groups of officials at the city hall yesterday afternoon. The present law provides that railroads should be taxed upon a gross earnings basis. Proceeds from this tax go entirely to the state. The proposal of the city council is that a portion of the tax

should revert to the city to pay for fire and police protection and lighting the street improvements made necessary by the presence of terminals.

Suggestion was made that any amendment to the present law might include a section specifying that any money received by the cities from the gross earnings tax should be used for street improvements.

The eight members of the state legislature from Duluth expressed themselves individually in favor of such an amendment.

A formal vote upon the advisability of such a measure was deferred. The opinion was expressed that no measure could be advocated until the details had been worked out.

"I do not believe there would be any opposition from the railroads on such an amendment," said Senator George M. Peterson. "They would not object to seeing a part of these funds revert to the municipalities that protect their property."

Pending another conference between the city council and the legislators, Mayor W. I. Prince will endeavor to ascertain the sentiment on such proposed legislation from other parts of Minnesota.

A letter was read from Representative-elect H. A. Swanson of Brainerd, advocating the amendment.

"Being advised of the calling of a conference to discuss such a bill through the columns of the Duluth News Tribune," he wrote in part, "I wish to write you that, as a representative-elect I have discussed it before taxpayers and citizens and have found them universally in favor of it."

City Clerk Borgen's plan for registration on one day only annually was discussed. Mr. Borgen asserted that the present registration provisions resulted in confusion and heavy cost. Pending advice from the city attorney the matter was left in abeyance.

A change in the period of issuing automobile license from three years to one year was urged by Commissioner Bernard Silberstein. Owing to the long period for which license are issued, the public safety head claimed that the police were unable to trace cars that had changed ownership.

Commissioner Fred Voss urged that an investigation be made by the legislators into the needs for changing the platting law, to give cities of the first class sole authority to record and accept plats.

Present at the meeting were State Senators Charles E. Adams, George M. Peterson and Richard Jones and Representatives Anton Borgen, William Bernard, William A. Hicken, W. A. Pittenger and David J. Erickson.

FERRIS HOMESTEAD BILL UP TO WILSON

Washington, Dec. 18.—All the disputed points in the Ferris bill to provide 640-acre homesteads, principally for grazing purposes, were smoothed out in conferences between house and senate. The measure now goes to the president for signature. The bill has been supported by the interior department and Western congressmen.

Many millions of acres of non-agricultural, nonmineral, nonirrigable land would be opened to stock raising homestead settlement under the bill. Under it, the lands will be open to any one upon entry and three years' residence and improvement, for no payment other than ordinary filing fees.

JOSEPH LEITER.

Millionaire May Lose Eye Injured on Hunting Trip.



MILLIONAIRE MAY LOSE EYE

Joseph Leiter Threatened With Loss of Optic.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—A special from New Orleans says Joseph Leiter, millionaire of Washington and Chicago, is threatened with the loss of one eye. Leiter, according to a hunting party which brought the news to New Orleans from Leiter's new hunting lodge, was hit in the eye as he sat in a dug-out waiting for game.

The seemingly slight injury developed alarming symptoms and a specialist was taken on a tug from New Orleans to the lodge and has remained in constant attendance.

FORCES ATTACKED BY GERMAN FLYERS

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The retreating Russo-Rumanian forces to Braila were attacked by German flyers with observed success. The general situation is unchanged.

Investigate Failure to Come to Relief of Chihuahua City

(By United Press)

El Paso, Dec. 18.—Intimating that first Chief Carranza will institute an investigation into the conduct of Gen. Murguia for failure to come to the relief of Chihuahua City during the attack of bandits there three weeks ago until Villa was in possession of the city, Gen. Trevino left last night for Mexico City for a conference with President Carranza. He denied his action in evacuating the city had in any way been criticized by the Mexican administration, and stated that lack of ammunition and fear for the safety of the noncombatants had caused the abandonment of the northern capital. According to Gen. Trevino's statement, Gen. Murguia stayed six days at Santa Rosalia, 25 miles from Chihuahua City and when the attack began failed to come to the aid. Because of the need of rolling stock for the movement of troops Gen. Murguia ordered the passenger traffic discontinued between the border and the northern capital.

Answer Arrives Early Solution Border Problems

(By United Press)

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—An early solution of the border problems hinges on the action of the Mexican-American commissioners who are to reconvene here. Albert J. Paul, who carried the Atlantic City protocol to Carranza, arrived here last night with the answer from Gen. Carranza.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE HEIGHTS

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—An official report says that the Russian forces at the Carpathians advanced around the Little Fork, restoring their positions east of Glashutte, and captured several heights, the enemy counter attacks being repulsed.

CONGRESSMAN ADAMSON.

Takes Positive Stand on New Railway Wage Law.



Photo by American Press Association.

America Must Push Preparedness Plans

(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 18.—America must push her preparedness plans now unless peace comes to find her with pending international difficulties or with militarism not crushed abroad, many congressmen have been warned. The warning was called forth by the cries of the stories carried by the United Press telling of America rolling in wealth with the entire country playing its part without any thought of the still unsettled submarine difficulties with Germany and possible difficulties that may arise with Japan over the immigration bill which recently passed the senate.

What Germany Will Give Up to Make Peace

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg



Black portions of this map show territory Germany and Austria have taken from their enemies, and the diagonally shaded portions show what the allies have taken from them. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's bid for peace in his notes to foreign

powers does not mention the terms, but they were intimated in Berlin. Germany will restore Belgium and northern France, and Austria will give up part of Serbia, and presumably all Roumania she has taken. The allies must give up the small section

of Germany near the northwestern corner of Switzerland, now held by the French, and all the Italians hold of Austria, as well as all the German colonies that have been taken by the British. But the blow falls hardest on Russia, which would be asked to

MACHINISTS NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Will be Held on Monday Evening, January 1, 1917 at the Citizens State Bank Hall

Good Program is Being Arranged, Music by the Blue Ribbon Orchestra, Arrangement Committee Named

Premier Lloyd-George Resumes Duties Today New Policy Tomorrow

(By United Press)

London, Dec. 18.—Premier Lloyd-George hopes to get out today to resume all the duties of his position after a week's illness, and it seems certain he will be able to address the house of commons tomorrow, outlining the policy of the new government and stating the views of the Britons on the German peace proposal.

Coal and Car Shortage Investigation is Held

(By United Press)

Chicago, Dec. 18.—An investigation of the coal and car shortage situation extending over the United States has been started by the federal and state authorities and they will cooperate in the inquiry for a nation wide investigation. Daily point sessions of representatives of the interstate commerce commission and state utilities commissions will be held. George Anderson, special attorney general, of Boston, and Myron Walker, of Grand Rapids, will be in charge.

North Star Lodge, No. 197, International Association of Machinists, have again decided to dispense with their annual ball so popular in the past and give another get-together party for its members and their families which was so much enjoyed by all who attended last year.

On account of New Year's eve falling on Sunday, the date for holding this party has been decided upon Monday evening, January 1, 1917, at the Citizens State bank hall, owing to the H. C. L. It will be necessary to raise our former price, therefore tickets this year will be sold for 75 cents per couple or family, extra ladies 50 cents.

A good program is being arranged including the best talent in the city, both vocal and instrumental, and the music for the dance will be furnished by the Blue Ribbon orchestra. The following committee will guarantee a good time to all who attend. I. H. Preston, chairman, W. Hudson, Louis Berggreen, H. C. Kylo, H. R. Feldeman, A. W. Cuskey, G. J. Kroes.

German Peace Note Given to England

(By United Press)

London, Dec. 18.—American Ambassador Page has delivered the German peace note to the British foreign office.

Ambassador Page fulfilled his mission without making any comment on the note.

Central Powers Ask U. S. and the Pope Back Peace Proposal

(By United Press)

Rome, Dec. 18.—The Central Powers have urged the pope and the United States to back their peace proposals, according to a report in circulation here.

Celebrate Anniversary

Washington, Dec. 18.—President and Mrs. Wilson celebrated their first wedding anniversary, and despite the freezing weather went out early for a round of golf. The balance of the day was spent as usual, and a family supper will be served at the White House tonight in honor of the occasion.

RUSSIAN ATTACKS REPULSED

Berlin, Dec. 18.—An official statement says that the Russian attacks around Luck and near Bolporsk were repulsed, northwest of Luck the Russians strove in vain to capture the positions the Germans took Dec. 16, the attacks being repeated at night. Near Augustovka and south of Zborov similar attacks failed.

BULGARIAN TROOPS ADVANCE GERMANS ADVANCE ALSO

Sofia, Dec. 18.—An official statement says that the advance of the Bulgarian troops both in Dobrudja and East Wallachia, in Dobrudja, is announced, the Teutonic line now being advanced from Lake Coleviza to Testemel, Doezan, and Dokuzacac. The Germans are also advancing on the river Calamitunul in Rumania.

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THE WEATHER

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Not so cold southwest portion to-
night.

December 16, maximum 5 below,
minimum 15 below.

December 17, maximum 3 below,
minimum 18 below.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

* News of Parties, Visitors, Vis-
its, Deaths, Accidents, Etc.,
gratefully received by the Dis-
patch. Both phones, North-
west 74, Automatic 274.

For spring water phone 264.

A. D. Johnson went to Austin on
Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Congdon has gone to Far-
ro, N. D.

Vote for Marie F. Lawrence for
Carnival Queen. 16716

Harland Stetson, of Deerwood, was
in the city.

Fine box papers in Christmas pack-
ages at Lammon's. 16716-w1

Miss Sadie Davis returned to Bar-
rows today.

Iron Exchange Hotel meals 30c.
Meal tickets \$5 for \$4.50.

Wm. Seafeld, of Deerwood, was a
Brainerd visitor.

Edison Diamond Disc Phonographs.
"No needle to change." \$100 to
\$450. Folsom Music Co. 16716

Harry Belmont is suffering from
an attack of quinsy.

Columbia Grafonolas \$15 to \$350.
Folsom Music Co. 16716

Mrs. Arvid Ritari has been very
sick with pneumonia.

Fresh Lowney Christmas Candy at
Lammon's. 16716-w

B. E. Dunham, of the Electric Shop
went to Ironton this afternoon.

A. Brockman, the furrier, is at
Minneapolis on business matters.

Umbrellas—The best for the money.
H. W. Linnemann. 16612

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mackay, of
Ironton, were visiting in the city.

Mrs. B. Magoffin, Jr., of Deerwood,
was a guest of Mrs. James M. Elder.

Try the New England Lunch for
a change. Home cooking and bak-
ing. Located at 209 S. 5th street. 16516

Miss Helga Theorin, of Deerwood,
visited her sister, Miss Esther Theor-
in.

Attorney H. E. Peterson, of Deer-
wood, was in the city on legal busi-
ness.

You will want a Toboggan. Get
one while they last at D. M. Clark
& Co. 14816

L. H. Mattson, son of the late John
Mattson, of Ironton, was in the city
today.

The right cigars in the right size
boxes for Christmas gifts at Lam-
mon's. 16716-w1

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Cummings, of
Crosby, went to Austin on Monday
afternoon.

Cut Flowers and Plants at Mehlin's
Greenhouses. N. W. Phone 774. 16516

Mrs. H. C. Eastman, cashier of the
First National bank of Deerwood, was
in the city today.

Perfumes and Toilet Waters in hol-
iday packages 25c to \$3, at Lam-
mon's. 16716-w1

Delos Turner is at his home suffer-
ing from a swollen jaw, after effects
of having several teeth pulled.

Shoes for men, shoes for boys.
They are, madam, exceptionally good
gifts for Christmas. Let H. W. Lin-
nemann solve some of your shopping
problems. 16612

Herman Blomberg, of Deerwood,
was a Brainerd visitor attending to
business matters at the court house.

Edison Diamond Amberolas \$30 to
\$75, at Folsom's Music Co. 16716

George McCulloch went to North-
field this afternoon where he will at-
tend a meeting of the Odd Fellow
home board.

Old time mixed candy, two pounds
for 25 cents, at Larson & Alexander's.
16617

Kenyon R. Larkin, manager of the
Farmers Produce Co., is sick at his
home. C. H. Paine is temporarily in
charge of the office.

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Wilhelm Schmidt, of Belleford, N.
D., is in the city on affairs concern-
ing the estate of Johan Schmidt,
Judge J. H. Warner being his attor-
ney.

Sweaters—It's a great year for
sweaters and we have an exception-
ally good assortment. H. W. Linne-
mann. 16612

Wm. Graham reports that the
Packard piano is meeting with an
ever increasing sale. He sold two
last week and orders were placed for
more this Monday.

Manicure outfits—some extra fine
ones in leather roll cases, at Lam-
mon's. 16716-w1

Miss Ruth White, niece of Mrs. W.
A. M. Johnstone, who has enjoyed an
extended visit with Mr. and Mrs.
Johnstone, returned home this after-
noon to Lima, Ohio.

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play cases. H. W. Linnemann. 16612

E. M. Scott brought in two wolves,
a male and female Saturday from his
home north of Brainerd. He caught
them in traps and says there are
quite a number in his vicinity.

Toilet Sets in fancy boxes—mini-
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Mrs. W. E. Barker and son, W. P.
Barker, have gone to Chicago, where
they will spend the Christmas hol-
idays with her son-in-law and daugh-
ter, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barrett.

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boy! An Ingersoll Watch. J. A.
McColl. 11

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Mixed Nuts, Celery, Apples, Oranges
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Edward Crust, president of the
Brainerd Northern Pacific Marching
club, and Major J. P. Elkins, com-
mandant of the club, went to St. Paul
on the early morning train to see
about uniforms and other details of
the club.

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tions—everything the self shaver
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Glunt's home, 319 North Ninth street,
opened wide the draft in the furnace
in the early morning hours and the
fire department turned out to check
the smoke. No damage was done,
said Mr. Glunt.

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Mrs. Phoebe King, wife of George
D. King, residing 16 miles south-
west of Backus, is very sick at a local
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fined the past four years suffering
from a stroke of paralysis. She is a
sister-in-law of Al Sinclair.

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LANSING BLUNDERS IN HUNT FOR NEWS LEAK

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson's action in personally telling newspaper representatives the exact condition of affairs to put down a crop of sensational peace rumors following Friday's cabinet meeting, caused Secretary Lansing to bump his official head against a stone wall, it became known here.

He apparently surmised that Secretary Tumulty was responsible for the news handout. The chief of the state department was angry from head to foot. He seized the telephone and made inquiries of Mr. Tumulty. When pressed to indicate just how the information had been given out, Mr. Tumulty flatly declared that it was made public by the president. This proved sufficient for the secretary of state.

President Wilson has assumed full charge of all information to be made public regarding the peace proposals. He will not disclose any diplomatic secrets, but above all things the president will insist that speculators in Wall street do not have an opportunity to utilize sensational rumors to raise and lower stock prices.

The ease with which values were advanced or depreciated during the past week was productive of considerable irritation in administration circles.

DETAINED AT ELLIS ISLAND

Immigration Officers Held Baron, Member of Wealthy Family.

New York, Dec. 18.—Baron R. E. Oppenheim, a cabin de lux passenger on the Holland-America line steamship Noordam, said to be a member of a wealthy family of bankers with offices in London and Paris, was prevented from landing and ordered sent to Ellis island by immigration authorities when the steamship arrived here from Falmouth.

By whom the order on which he was detained was issued and the reason for his detention were not disclosed. The immigration officers merely said the passenger was to go to Ellis island for "further examination."

Good Advice.

Mr. Wozges—Somebody wrote to the editor to ask how to cut corn off the cob. Mrs. Wozges—What does the editor say? Mr. Wozges—He says, silently—Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

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String Quartette, "Genius Logi".....Theru

Zoellner String Quartette

Baritone solo, "Tis the Day".....Leon Cavallo

Oscar Seagle

Waltz, "Southern Roses".....Strauss

Columbia Symphony Orchestra

TESTS SHOW RADIUM IS NOT CANCER CURE

New York, Dec. 18.—After exhaustive tests upon rats, mice and guinea pigs, the use of radium as a cure for cancer and tumors has been found to be a failure, according to the annual report of Dr. Francis Carter Wood, head of the Crocker Cancer Research fund of Columbia university, made public here.

For cases on which operation is not possible, radium is successful as a palliative only, the report states.

"It is unquestionably possible to prolong life in a few instances," Dr. Wood says, "and to make the patients more comfortable by the judicious and intelligent employment of large quantities of radium."

"On the other hand it is equally certain that the use of small quantities, say 20 to 50 milligrams of radium element, often results in a rapid extension of the tumor, so that the patient's condition is worse than if he had been left alone."

AGED ILLINOIS COUPLE SLAIN

Man and Wife Found Murdered in Riddled House.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 18.—John P. Becker, eighty-five, and his wife, eighty-three, were found murdered at their home near Mason City, Ill. The aged couple had been shot to death and their home riddled with bullets.

Robbery is believed to have been the motive for the killing. The dead man, a wealthy holder of hundreds of acres of farm land, was reputed to have kept large sums of money in his house.

The bedroom walls were shot full of bullet holes, while the bodies of the aged couple were found on the floor in the ransacked home.

Endurance.

The pilgrim fathers were undoubtedly heroic men, facing, as they did, with dauntless courage, fire, frost, famine and the red menace of Indian ruthlessness. But the pilgrim mothers were more heroic still, for they endured also all these things and had in addition to stand the pilgrim fathers as well—Life.

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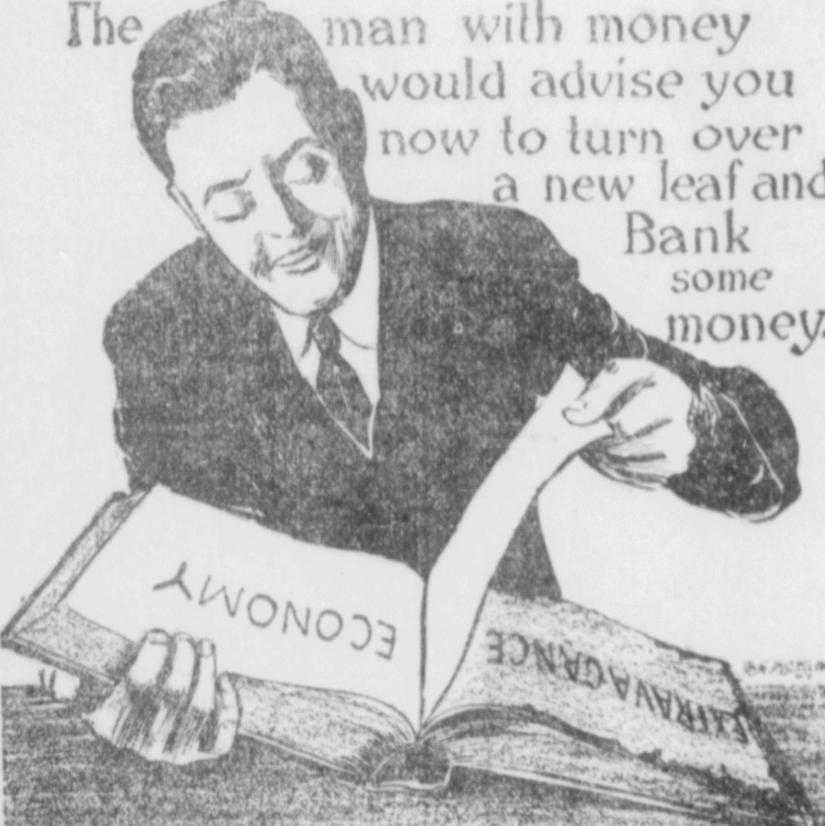
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tliest and most brilliant social
nts of the season.

he home of Mrs. Parker was beau-
tfully decorated, old rose being the
alling note in the color scheme.
ham's orchestra, seated amid
s in the library, played selec-
s.

five course dinner was served at
0 in the evening, the table being
minated with candles. Assisting
Parker were her daughter, Mrs.
J. Campbell of St. Paul, Miss May-
e Greweox, Miss Carrie Morrison
Mrs. Robert J. Tinkelpavgh.

ridge was then played, the guests
seated at six tables. The high-
e was made by Mrs. R. J. Hartley.
guest prize given Mrs. Sham-
gh was a bridge set.

he ladies present included Mrs.
mbaugh, her sister-in-law Mrs. R.
Vithington, Mrs. F. A. Farrar, Mrs.
rge D. LaBar, Mrs. N. H. Inger-
Mrs. Howard G. Ingersoll, Mrs.
mas Beare, Mrs. W. A. Fleming,
Henry I. Cohen, Mrs. C. M.
k, Mrs. Nellie Keene, Mrs. F. W.
land, Mrs. R. A. Belse, Mrs. W.
obb, Mrs. E. O. Webb, Mrs. Jewett,
W. H. Gemmell, Mrs. R. J. Hart-
Mrs. C. Grandelmyer, Mrs. F. H.
pson, Miss Ella Mitchell, Mrs. O.
ohnson, Mrs. Caroline Dittmar.

Entertains Bridge Club
rs. F. S. Parker entertained the
ge club this afternoon.

HESSEL-RADFORD

Wedding of Miss Grace Hessel and
Clark Radford on Christmas
Day

Cards have been received announc-
ing the marriage of Miss Grace Hes-
sel and Mr. Clark Radford of Gresh-
am, Ore. to take place on Dec. 25th.
At home after Jan. 1st at Black Rock,
Ore.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. J. C. Hessel, former residents
of Brainerd and sister of Mrs. E. L.
Guin of 3rd Ave. N. E.

HELP THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

In order to carry out their
plans to give toys to the poor
children of this city for Christ-
mas, the "Children's Hour" finds
it necessary to ask for donations
of either toys or money with
which to buy them.

Any one desiring to help the
Children's Hour in their Christ-
mas work may leave their dona-
tions with Mrs. Gemmell, Mrs.
Thabes, Mrs. Charles Hoffman,
Mrs. Frank Hall, Mrs. Burnett or
the Misses Anne or Bertha Mah-
lum.

Gilmer-Knowles

Chelster A. Knowles and Miss Thel-
ma Irene Gilmer were married Satur-
day afternoon by Judge J. T. San-
born, friends of the parties witness-
ing the pretty ceremony. The
charming bride is the daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmer.

Exercise Promoter.

"You say my husband needs exer-
cise, but he won't take any, and I
don't know how to make him," said a
woman plaintively. "Is there any way
in which we can force him to exer-
cise?"

"Did you ever try on windy days
making him wear a hat that will be
sure to blow off?" asked the doctor.—
Buffalo Express.

COTT'S NEVER TAKE SUBSTITUTES MULSION



Nothing Makes a Nicer Gift
Than a Victrola

And you should select it as early in the
week as possible. We'll deliver it Satur-
day afternoon. Come in—hear this su-
preme instrument and let us tell you how
easily you may own one.

H. F. MICHAEL CO.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

Complete Stocks

Right Quality


Do Your Final Christmas Shopping

At

LAMMON'S PHARMACY

We Give S. & H. Green Trading Stamps

We Give S. & H. Green Trading Stamps



HOW MUCH CAN A ROOSTER EAT?

That Appears to be the All Absorbing
Question Nowadays. Supersed-
ing Other Puzzles

AT MILLER CLOAK & HAT SHOP

"Mike," Big Bird, is in the Window,
Busy Scratching up the Sawdust
for Worms

"How many kernels of corn can a
rooster eat in ten minutes?" Is the
all absorbing question in Brainerd
and the surrounding country these
days. It has superseded all other
puzzles and problems.

Country children are timing their
big roosters to see how much corn
they consume and are sending their
guesses on the total to the Miller
Cloak & Hat Shop of South Seventh
street, where on Wednesday, this
week, the momentous question will
be decided, judges' watches in
hand being present to time the gas-
tronomic feat of the bird and to tes-
tify to the number of kernels ab-
sorbed.

Three prizes are to be awarded, the
first and second being valuable mer-
chandise, the third being the roos-
ter, "Mike," himself.

Toy Manufacture Road Building for Canada's Soldiers

(By United Press)

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 18—Absorb-
ing it scrippled returned soldiers in-
to civilian life through offering them
work in a great toy factory. Winni-
peg today hoped to enter the worlds
market as a toy producing center. It
is certain that at least on this side of
the border, toys marked "Made in
Canada" will be far more popular
than those labeled: "Made in Ger-
many."

Constructing a great highway
across Canada is another means pro-
posed for absorbing the unemployed
crippled soldiers returned from the
European battle fields. The road
would perhaps start at Halifax,
thence run to Moncton, then follow
the St. Lawrence to a point opposite
Quebec. Ottawa would then be touch-
ed and the road would take a straight
line to Winnipeg, extending west
through Brandon, Regina, Moose Jaw
and Medicine Hat. From Calgary to
Vancouver, a distance of 750 miles of
most beautiful Canadian Rockies, the
road is practically completed already.

WOOD ALCOHOL KILLS THREE PRISONERS.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 18.—Three
prisoners in the penitentiary
here are dead, three more are
expected to die and three oth-
ers are ill as the result of
drinking wood alcohol which
they extracted from shellac in
an effort to satisfy their crav-
ing for liquor.

All were employed in the
shoe shop where shellac is
used. They brought the alco-
hol to the surface by adding
salt to the shellac and it is be-
lieved they consumed two
quarts of the poison.

Our Jitney Offer.—This and 5c

Don't Miss This. Cut out this slip,
enclose with five cents to Foley &
Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill.,
writing your name and address clear-
ly. You will receive in return a trial
package containing Foley's Honey
and Tar Compound for coughs, colds,
and croup; Foley Kidney Pills and
Foley Cathartic Tablets. H. P. Dunn,
druggist.

CONCORDIA SOCIETY

Young People to Meet at Bethlehem
Norwegian Lutheran Church
This Evening

The Concordia Young Peoples so-
ciety of Bethlehem Norwegian Luth-
eran church will meet tonight at
8:15 sharp. The society will be en-
tertained by Chris Elvig and Sam
Engelbreton. Coffee and cake will
be served. The following program
will be given:

Piano solo..... Mildred Skauge
Song..... Euterpean Quartet
Violin solo..... Prof. Jens Jensen
Vocal solo..... Dr. E. E. Long
Speech..... Rep. H. A. Swanson
Song..... Euterpean Quartet
Violin solo..... Prof. Jens Jensen

Teacher—Name the zones, Willie.
"Frigid, temperate, torpid and O."—
Life.

YOUNG PEOPLES ALLIANCE

Will Meet With Mr. and Mrs. Brand
of Northeast Brainerd This
Monday Evening

Members and associate members of
the Young Peoples Alliance of North-
east Brainerd, will meet at 8 o'clock
this evening with Mr. and Mrs.
Brand. The election of officers will
take place. The girls are to bring
something good to eat.

CUBAN STRIKE IS SPREADING

Havana Central Railway Forces Join
Men Who Stopped Work.

Havana, Dec. 9.—The strike of rail-
way employes which began recently at
Camaguey and joined by cab drivers,
chauffeurs, truck drivers and brick-
layers, was extended further when
the employes of the Havana Central
railway unit work.

We Can Deliver

Your photographs within forty-eight hours from the
time you have them taken if you wish, so it is not
too late to have your picture taken for Christmas
presents yet.

LARS SWELLAND
319 South Sixth Street
Brainerd, Minn.

Proof of It.
Mrs. Dresser—But, George, you sure-
ly don't consider yourself a financier?
Mr. Dresser—Certainly I do. How do
you suppose I've kept from paying
your milliner's bill for so long if I'm
not a financier?

Accent on the "Know."
Marks—If you had to live life over
again would you marry the same wo-
man? Parks—You just bet I would. I
know what she is, and women are too
uncertain for me to experiment with
another one.—Exchange.

SWAMPED

FOR

THREE DAYS at "Miller's"

Bargain seekers found "Miller's" store full
of exceptional values. There were hundreds
of people visited this store the three last
days of the week—the limited space made it almost im-
possible to attend to all customers. The store was actu-
ally crowded to its limit. For this week there will be
added bargains—further discounts on odds and ends
you cannot afford to miss.

Odd Lot Women's Coats At \$2.95	Special for Wednesday Only 25 WOOL SKIRTS Worth up to \$3.50 Regular, at \$1.00	A Few Jap Silk Waists Regular \$1.50 Values 48c
Petticoats Gingham Special At 19c	House Dresses Special At 69c	MIDDY BLOUSES Special Clean-Up at 29c
Waists \$1.50 Values at 29c	Outing Flannel Gowns at 79c	

Don't Forget "Mike" the Champion Corn Eater
Mike Eats Wednesday at 4 p. m.

COME, IN AND GUESS

THE BRAINERD DAILY DISPATCH
By Ingersoll & Wieland
SUBSCRIPTION RATES
One Month Forty Cents
One Year, strictly in advance \$4.00
Office in Dispatch Building on 6th St.
Entered at the post office at Brainerd, Minn., as second class matter.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1916



Shows Drunkenness on Decline in England

(By United Press)
London, Dec. 18.—If any accurate estimate can be made while so many men are away at the fighting front, it would appear that drunkenness in England and Wales has decreased since the war began. A Blue Book has been issued purporting to show a decrease of 48,017 convictions for drunkenness during 1915.
The greatest decrease in the consumption of liquor appeared in agricultural counties on the east coast. In some of these convictions for drunkenness dropped 41.8 per cent. The "no treating" law undoubtedly has aided in reducing the consumption of intoxicants. During the last six months of 1915 there were only 42,342 convictions for violating the "no treat" law as compared to 48,759 during the first half of the year.
Throughout the entire year of 1915 there were only 135,811 drunkards convicted, which is the lowest number recorded for nearly forty years and is 28 per cent below the total for 1913. Of these convicted in 1915, 33,211 were women.

Sirene to Make Auto Stealing Difficult

(By United Press)
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 16.—An automobile siren that will let loose a terrific screech when anyone tampers with a car to which it is attached, is the invention of a Minneapolis man, marketed today, to combat the rising prowess of auto thieves.

PACKERS PAY \$62,500 FINE IN MISSOURI.
Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 18.—Five packing companies fined by the Missouri supreme court Feb. 9, 1915, for violations of the anti-trust laws have paid \$62,500 into the state treasury. The companies are Armour & Co., Nelson Morris & Co., and the St. Louis Dressed Beef and Provision company. Each was fined \$25,000. This was reduced one half by agreement.

BEST THEATRE

TODAY	Theda Bara in "HER DOUBLE LIFE"	Matinee 3:00 Eve. 7:30 & 9
TOMORROW	Walter Law in "THE UNWELCOME MOTHER"	Matinee 1:00 Eve. 7:30 & 9

EMPRESS THEATRE

TODAY	Broadway Star Feature
TOMORROW	"OTHER LIVES" And Ham Comedy

BRITONS OPPOSE PEACE PROPOSAL

English Public Determined to Continue Conflict.

AT FIRST DOUBTFUL, NOW SURE

Premier to Give Stand in House of Commons—Will Tell Members 99 Per Cent of People Back Him to Reject the Proposal.

London, Dec. 18.—Indefinably, but obviously, the general attitude in Great Britain toward the German peace proposals has hardened enormously.

The average man, certain of the benefits of peace, and somewhat carried away with the offer at first, now seems to have made up his mind definitely.

Leaving out of consideration the opinions of the officials and the governing classes, who are determined to carry on the war to the utmost end, the sentiment of the general type of Englishman seems to have found itself.

It is safe to say that except for the most extreme pacifists there is no idea of peace at the present moment. The British public has made up its mind to fight on, and not to accept any peace proposal except one completely satisfactory to themselves.

Will Cite Support.

From reliable sources it is learned that Premier Lloyd George, in his speech in the house of commons may recapitulate the allies' object in the war, but will declare that he is supported by 99 per cent of the population in stating that there can be no thought of peace until these objectives are obtainable.

In the unlikely event of the commons disagreeing with him in the slightest degree he will advise the king to dissolve parliament and take the opinion of the court at a general election.

Few here doubt that such an appeal, with the premier himself making the whirlwind campaign on the stump which he threatened when fighting to overthrow the Asquith ministry, would result in the return of a parliament which could be depended on to support him to the utmost.

YOUTHS ASK EARLY DEATH

Will Be Executed in Sing Sing for Murder This Week.

Sing Sing, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Two youths sentenced to be executed at Sing Sing prison for murder this week voluntarily have shortened their lives by at least three days so that the grief of their relatives may be dulled as much as possible by Christmas.

They are Stanley J. Millstein, nineteen years old, and Charles Kunrow, twenty. They were to have been sent to the electric chair Friday.

The young men sought and were granted permission to be executed Tuesday.

DRUG GUARDS AND LOOT SAFE

Yeggmen Get \$1,000 in Gold Raid on Chicago Store.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Five safeblowers entered a State street store before daylight, chloroformed two watchmen, blew open the safe and escaped with \$1,000. They worked four hours before getting their booty together and left long after daylight, after binding the watchmen to chairs.

Army Surgeon Is Dead.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Colonel Henry S. T. Harris, chief surgeon of the Western division of the United States army, was found dead here at the club at which he lived. The cause of death was believed to have been apoplexy. He was a native of Virginia, fifty-three years old.

DEFINITE TERMS MIGHT TIE HANDS OF TEUTONS

Berlin, Dec. 18.—"Some sections of the foreign press and especially newspapers in hostile countries," say the Overseas News agency, "having declared that the Central powers ought to have added definite peace proposals to their peace offer, the Overseas agency asked a distinguished German diplomatist for his opinion on this point.

"His answer was: 'The German note to the entente governments contains a very definite communication as to the spirit of peace conditions, which the central powers would bring to the proposed negotiations.

"To go further in outlining the peace conditions would have meant a handicap to the Central powers in case (contrary to what some newspapers in hostile countries have declared), the hostile governments decided to enter into negotiations of discussions.

"It is a self-evident truth that nobody could come to such negotiations with tied hands while the hands of the other party were completely free."

IS AGAINST FOOD EMBARGO

Chairman Henry of Rules Committee Opposes Such Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Despite many telegrams, letters and petitions asking the house rules committee to provide for legislation placing an embargo on foodstuffs, Chairman Henry of the committee announced that he was "squarely against any kind of an embargo on food and shall do everything in my power to prevent such legislation."

Mr. Henry explained that he favored embargo on shipments of arms and ammunition "for the purpose of destroying millions of people in Europe."

WAR TALKS END IN DEATHS

North Dakota Farmer Kills Neighbor and Ends His Own Life.

Haggard, N. D., Dec. 18.—Arguments over the European war are believed to have led Otto Kukst, a German, forty-nine years old, to kill John Deacon, an Englishman, sixty-nine years old, and commit suicide. The men were neighbors. Kukst ended his own life with a shotgun while officers were en route from Fargo to arrest him.

Walter Kukst, a son, testified at the coroner's inquest his father and Deacon had argued frequently over the war.


SANTA CLAUS
Announce to His Many Friends That He Has Established his Headquarters at

LUKEN'S BIG STORE
Where He Has Placed On Exhibition
A Multitude of Toys,
A Myriad of Novelties,
A Mass of Books,
Games, Etc., Etc.
Sleds, Sleighs and Baby Cutters, Hobby Horses, Chairs Etc
An Enormous Line of fancy china and bric-a-brac, dinner and toilet sets, water and wine sets.
In All Shapes and Colors.
Holiday Goods at Prices to Startle The Whole Community

Luken's 3 Mammoth Toy Dept's
Toys, Dolls, Games, Books, Game Boards, Drums, Pianos, Trunks, Washing Sets, Toy Furniture, Doll Beds, Blackboards, Sleds, Doll Buggies, Go-Carts, Toy Wagons of Iron and Wood, etc.
Do Not Fail To Visit
Our New 5 and 10c Store
The Rush Is On In Earnest, and while we have Three Large Departments, we advise early shopping while the stock is complete, for as you know the early ones get the first choice.
Special Bargains Every Day

LUKEN'S BIG STORE
710 and 712 Front Street
Brainerd :::: Minnesota

SAYS ADAMSON ACT MUST STAND

Author of Railway Law Declares Against Its Repeal.

TEST CASE MAY BE DROPPED

Both Sides to Controversy Are In for Punishment by Congress If They Try to Evade Control, Wilson's Spokesman Asserts.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Reports that railroads and brotherhood heads in peace conferences have planned to propose the repeal of the Adamson act and the substitution of a working agreement of their own making for it, aroused Representative Adamson, author of the law, to declare that congress would "spank both sides to the controversy if necessary."

Mr. Adamson, who is the house representative of President Wilson in railway legislation matters, is willing to co-operate in any plan employees and employers may evolve for the interpretation of his law as applied to working conditions, but will vigorously oppose repeal of it, as he thinks will the majorities of both houses.

"Congress will not agree to any repeal of the Adamson law," he said.

Passed in Good Faith.

"The measure was passed in good faith and it is a constitutional enactment regulating hours of labor and not wages.

"I hope that the negotiations between the railroads and their employees will result in an agreement which will not make further legislation necessary, but congress will see that the public gets a fair deal. If it becomes necessary to spank both sides, we'll spank them, though I hope that won't be necessary."

Neither labor nor congressional leaders have official reports as to just what the railway conference have taken up.

Belief is current, however, that the foremost feature of the final agreement will be an interpretation of the Adamson law so satisfactory to both sides that the suit to test the act's constitutionality, now before the Supreme court, may be withdrawn.

A plan for investigation of the threatened strike also is expected to result from the deliberations.

H. W. LINNEMANN, "Clothes of Quality"

Every Day Is CHRISTMAS DAY

Good Cheer and Happiness are Abundant at Linnemann's

Choosing Xmas Gifts for Men and Boys is an Easy Task at This Store

Wearing Apparel is one of the necessities and if selected at Linnemann's is sure to be doubly welcome, because of superior quality, styles, and the fact that the Linnemann guarantee stands behind every purchase.

Mothers will find that we are well prepared to take care of their Christmas wants. We have just the things in useful gifts for boys, whether it be a mackinaw or a pair of mitts.

Here is a Partial List of the Useful Christmas Gifts offered at This Store

Shirts	Belts	Hats
Pajamas	Grips	Caps
Sweaters	Garters	Stick Pins
Fur Caps	Mufflers	Fur Coats
Card Sets	Leggins	Suit Cases
Silk Shirts	Silk Hose	Arm Bands
Brush Sets	Tie Clasps	Union Suits
Mackinaws	Auto Mitts	Dress Shoes
Bath Robes	Suspenders	Cuff Buttons
Collar Bags	Auto Gloves	Felt Slippers
Night Shirts	Dress Gloves	Boys' Jewelry
Seal Skin Caps	Stocking Caps	Flannel Shirts
Traveling Sets	Boys' Wool Waists	Men's Jewelry
Jersey Sweaters	Silk Handkerchiefs	Hunting Coats
Fur Lined Mitts	Initial Handkerchiefs	Pullman Slippers
Smoking Jackets	Linen Handkerchiefs	Leather Slippers
Fur Lined Gloves	Boys' Gauntlet Gloves	Boys' Kid Gloves
Leather Lined Vests	Men's Indian Bedroom Slippers	Children's Warm Mitts
Men's Manicure Sets		One Finger Auto Mitts

Men's Suits, new models, plain and pinch back, moderately priced but of the best materials, a big variety to choose from, at
\$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00

Men's Overcoats, in the newest and latest models in pinch back, plain and belted ulsters, moderately priced but of the best material ---a big variety to choose from, at
\$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00

Boy's Overcoats . . . \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 to \$10.00
Boy's Suits \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.00 to \$10.00

Useful Gifts of Good Taste Bring Christmas Joy
and here is a store filled to the overflowing with the best of useful gifts for men, youths and boys

H. W. LINNEMANN
"Clothes of Quality" *Imperial Block*
H. W. LINNEMANN, "Clothes of Quality"

DRASTIC LID LAW SOUGHT
Chicago Mayor Would Send Sunday Violators to Penitentiary.
Chicago, Dec. 18.—An amendment to the state Sunday closing law will be introduced at the next session of the Illinois legislature at the direction of Mayor Thompson of Chicago. The amendment would make violation of the law a penitentiary offense. At present the maximum penalty is a fine of \$200.

British Gain on Tigris.
London, Dec. 18.—The British army on the Tigris front, which assumed the offensive last Wednesday, has made a further advance. An official statement given out here says the British now are within three-quarters of a mile of the Tigris, opposite Kuti Amara.

Filling a Bin with Coal
For Winter use, with a superior quality that will give full satisfaction, is what we do always when your coal is ordered from our high grade hard coal. Good, clean coal, fair prices and prompt delivery is always appreciated by the public, and they get it every time from our yards.
JOHN LARSON



Advertise in the Dispatch

MAKING PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS MAIL

Indications are that Christmas This Year Will See Heaviest Mail in History of Office

SUNDAY AND MONDAY DELIVERY

Temporary Sunday Railway Mail and Auto Delivery Helps Give Brainerd Good Service

- General Delivery Window open from 9 until 10 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 24.
- Package window opens today and will continue until Dec. 23, from 8 a. m. until 8:30 p. m.
- Money order window open from 8 until 6 p. m.
- No money orders issued after 6 p. m., but registry business may be transacted at the package window.
- Railway mail service on trains 55 and 56 Sunday, Dec. 24, and local office will receive and deliver Christmas mail to both of these trains.

Postmaster Dunn and his assistants at the postoffice are making every arrangement to give the general public the best service possible during the Christmas rush and are preparing to take care of the business in a manner that will afford the greatest convenience to all concerned.

Commencing this morning the package window was opened at 8 o'clock and continuing until Saturday evening of this week will be opened every morning at that time and will remain open until 8:30 p. m.

The money order and registry windows will open at 8 o'clock and remain open until 6 p. m., and no money order business will be transacted after 6 o'clock but mail matter may be registered after that hour and until 8:30 o'clock at the package window.

The general delivery window will be open on Sunday, Dec. 24, from 9 until 10 a. m. at which time mail will be received for dispatch on trains 55 and 56 east and west.

Temporary mail service has been established on trains from Duluth at 12:05, west, and to Duluth at 2:25, east, for Sunday, Dec. 24, and mail to and from both trains will be handled at the local postoffice the same as on week days, this giving the general public the advantage of mail service that they would otherwise be deprived of.

One complete delivery of mail will be made on Monday, Christmas day, and extra carriers and vehicles will be pressed into service to insure everybody getting the package. If there is one for them. In addition to this there is a possibility of a Sunday delivery and Postmaster Dunn

STORES OPEN EVENINGS SOON

Stores will be open evenings commencing Wednesday, December 20, the hours being until 9 P. M.

has taken this up with the department at Washington and which if granted will greatly relieve the congestion of incoming mails on account of Sunday and Christmas coming the following day without a breathing spell between in which to clean up. Patrons of the postoffice will be advised through the city papers as to whether this Sunday service is granted or not. All clerks and carriers are granted compensatory time for Sunday and holiday service.

Although the regular carriers do not serve on Sunday, Dec. 24, the postmaster has arranged for auto service in any event, by substitutes, so that Xmas packages will be delivered and there will be window service for ordinary mail.

To give patrons information that may be of value to them it may be stated that if you wish to insure your Christmas parcel you may do so at the following rates:

- Value up to \$5—fee 3 cents.
- Value over \$5 up to \$25—fee 5 cents.
- Value over \$25 up to \$50—fee 10 cents.
- Value over \$50 up to \$100—fee 25 cents.

Prepay postage fully on your packages.

Address parcels fully and plainly. Place name and address of sender on all parcels.

Pack carefully and securely all packages and do not seal them as that subjects the same to letter rate of postage.

Insure valuable packages. Written inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes," and numbers, names or letters for the purpose of descriptions are permissible additions to fourth class (parcel post) mail.

FED THE FIREMEN

Ideal Hotel Gave Warm Coffee and Sandwiches to Fire Fighters at Carlson Blaze

At Friday morning's fire when the Carlson hotel was consumed, the work of fire fighting was a most difficult one and the men were soon caked in ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Larrabee, of the Ideal hotel, gave the men hot coffee and sandwiches, which was certainly appreciated by the firemen. The blaze was a most spectacular one. Guests watched the large stack at the Carlson hotel which seemed to withstand the ravages of the flames until the very finish, when it toppled over in sections and fell without damage to neighboring property.

THE WEATHER

Coldest Sunday Night was 23 Below, Moderated Again in the Early Morning Hours

The thermometer slid down to 23 below Sunday night and the householder who had gone to bed with visions of 10 below in his mind and who saw a tame thermometer this morning, was surprised, very painfully too, when he found the household waterworks tied up in ice and frost.

S. O. S. calls were sent out for plumbers and those gentlemen were very much in demand this morning.

Eagle Provision Co.

612 Laurel Street

WHOLESALE TO CONSUMER

Fresh Eggs, per dozen	38c
Fresh Creamery Butter, per lb.	42c
Granulated Sugar, 25 lb sack	\$1.95
Cut Loaf Sugar, 10 lb for	98c
Fancy Powdered Sugar, per lb.	10c
Shelled Walnuts, per lb	48c
Shelled Almonds, per lb	55c
Baker's Chocolate per lb	37c
Fresh Roasted Peanuts, per lb.	45c
10c. 5 lbs.	
New Mixed Nuts, no peanuts, 3 pounds	55c
Mix Candy, per lb	10c
Chocolate Drops, per lb.	15c
Fancy Cream Bon Bons, per lb	22c
Cracker Jack, 6 pkgs	25c
Christmas Candles, 24s and 36s, per box	7c

Eagle Provision Co.

SUIT FOR \$5,000 DAMAGES ON TRIAL

Mike Setula vs A. Mampel, First Jury Case to be Heard by Judge B. F. Wright

JURY CHOSEN IN THE MORNING

Mampel and Setula on Stand, Followed by William Ritari and Young William Brick

The case in district court before Judge B. F. Wright, wherein Mike Setula sues A. Mampel for \$5,000.10 damages, is on trial today.

The first witness on the stand was Mr. Mampel, caretaker at the Gull lake dam, who in his story alleged that the striking of Setula with the butt of a revolver was done in self defense and that when rushed again Mampel then fired and shot Setula. Mampel swearing the alleged assault took place on government land of which he was custodian.

Setula, in his own story, denied any assault on his part, and the whole matter will be a question for the jury to decide. In the afternoon William Ritari was on the stand. He was one of the fishing party of which Setula was a member and swore he saw most of the incidents leading up to and the encounter itself. The water rushing over the dam made some noise, but he heard much of the conversation. He said Setula claimed his friends should be entitled to the same treatment accorded others near the dam.

William Brick, age 14, residing at 619 Pine street, was fishing near the scene of the altercation and saw much of the trouble.

M. E. Ryan is attorney for Mampel and U. S. District Attorney Dickey of St. Paul, is in attendance. Attorneys for Setula are Alderman & Clark.

Edward Rogers, county attorney, of Cass county, was in attendance at the court in the afternoon. The scene of the altercation was at Gull lake dam in Cass county.

AWAITING ARRIVAL OF SON

Funeral of Mrs. Hannah Dahlquist Will Not be Held Until Son Comes

Pending the arrival of her son, who had left the Klondike country in the Yukon bent upon seeing his sick mother, Mrs. Hannah Dahlquist, the latter passing away Saturday, the remains will be held until the son comes to Brainerd. The last words of the mother were for the son in the far north and she died with a prayer on her lips for his safety.

Machinists Elect

The annual election of the North Star Lodge No. 197, International Association of Machinists, was held on Thursday, December 14, the following officers were elected:

- President—H. C. Kylo.
- Vice President—A. E. Evans.
- Cor. Secretary—W. T. Kelly.
- Financial Secretary—F. E. Little.
- Treasurer—A. A. Weidenman.
- Trustee for 18 months—J. Haas.
- Grand Lodge Teller—J. Doeple.
- Delegate to Trades and Labor—G. C. Wilcox.

Christmas Tree Lighting Outfits

Now is the time to secure your Christmas tree lighting outfits. Candles are very dangerous. Be safe, and use electric bulbs. We make a specialty of tree decorations. The Electric Shop, next to postoffice.

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Card of Thanks

I thank the Standard Accident Ins. Co., of Detroit, Mich., and their local agent, George A. Tracy, for paying my claim in full within three days after receiving my final papers.

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How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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While food and clothing have advanced in cost, it is well for the sick that the prices of reliable family remedies as Foley Kidney Pills are not increased. Foley Kidney Pills cost little and relieve backache, pains in sides and loins, sore muscles, stiff joints, rheumatic pains and bladder trouble. H. P. Dunn, druggist. mwf

ASKS FOR SALE AND DIVISION

Minnesota Land & Colonization Co. Sues the Gopher Iron Co. and W. J. Schwab

LAND IS ON THE NORTH RANGE

Alleged that it is in an Area Which May Have Iron Ore, Claimed Worth \$15 an Acre

The Minnesota Land & Colonization Co. has started suit in the district court against the Gopher Iron Co. and W. J. Schwab, asking for the sale of certain property and the division of the sale proceeds.

It is alleged in the complaint filed in the district court that the colonization company owns the fee to 18-20 and each of the defendants own a twentieth, all being owners, as tenants in common, of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and lot 4 of section 23, township 47, range 29, being 57.75 acres, more or less.

The premises in the area named are believed to have iron ore, but aside from such possibility they have no great value, being worth not over \$15 an acre, it is alleged.

The plaintiff asks that the land be sold under direction of the court and that the proceeds be brought into court for division.

MONTANA MAN'S HAWK SHOT IN SOUTH AMERICA

- Red Lodge, Mont., Dec. 18.—A large hawk caught by Eddie Hotchkiss in his outfield Aug. 19 was killed on Oct. 29 on Bogata plain, nine miles north of Bogata, capital of the South American republic of Colombia.
- When Hotchkiss caught the bird he conceived the idea of attaching to it a bottle containing his name and address and releasing it. This he did and has just received a letter, dated Nov. 4, from Luis Felipe Rulda, of Colombia, in which he wrote of killing the hawk and finding the bottle tied to the bird's neck. In an air line Bogata is about 3700 miles from Red Lodge.



MOLDERS GRANTED INCREASE

14,000 Stove and Foundry Workers Benefit by Agreement.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 18.—An advance of 18 1/2 per cent in wages and a reduction in hours was granted 14,000 stove and foundry workers throughout the country under an agreement ratified here by representatives of the manufacturers and the International Molders' union. The work day will be reduced a half hour. The new scale will become effective Jan. 1.

The men had demanded an increase in wages of 26 per cent and a reduction of one hour in their work day. The compromise agreement was reached after conferences lasting nearly a week.

Havana Hit by Big Rail Strike.

Havana, Dec. 18.—At the expiration of the men's ultimatum a general strike of the Havana Central railway was begun. Traffic has been paralyzed. The electric plant being out of operation, the current in many towns in Havana province was cut off. At Regia and at Guanabacoa, the street-car service was interrupted. The ferry service from Havana to Casablanca and Regia was stopped.

Chicago Faces Coal Famine.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Shivering from the cold wave, Chicagoans face a coal famine. Coal men estimate the largest available supply in any district of the city could not hold out more than ten days. The shortage is greatest in coal for domestic use and is due to a shortage of coal cars, dealers say.

Things of the Past.

Betty had been punished. Her aunt did not know that, and when she came into the room and found Betty sitting disconsolately before the window she said: "Why, look at our little Betty. She looks ready to cry. What is going to happen, I wonder?"

Betty looked up and then said solemnly, "It has happened."—Exchange

Boys Hear!!!

Win a Prize!!!

We are offering big prizes to the boys who will build the best five models with erector by February 1st. These prizes are displayed in our windows. The originality of the models, will count much; then the models which are best in other ways will be taken into consideration. See these prizes and make it known that you want a set for Christmas. Then enter the contest.

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It is an easy thing to select gifts from our toy section. There is a large selection of practical toys. Doll's, books, games, electrical toys, engines, in fact all the things children want. Particularly do we specialize upon toys from 15c up. Visit this section.

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Erector is the most practical toy ever made for a boy. Don't forget that you find this in our store.

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Three Perish in Fire.

Ashville, N. C., Dec. 18.—Jack Penland, sixty-seven years old, and his two daughters, one twenty one and the other fourteen, were burned to death, his wife and son and two other members of the family were burned seriously in a fire which destroyed their home near Canton.

Again Warns of Raider.

New York, Dec. 18.—Another warning to shipping of the entente allies to be on guard against a German raider on this side of the Atlantic was sent out by a British cruiser off Sandy Hook.

Limited Train Is Wrecked.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 18.—The New York and New Orleans limited passenger train was wrecked near Fairburn, Ga. Several sleepers turned over, but no one was killed or seriously injured.

Huxley on Men.

Professor Huxley once wrote to Mrs. W. K. Clifford about men, "They are very queer animals—a mixture of horse nervousness, ass stubbornness and camel malice, with an angel holding about unexpectedly like the apple in the posset, and when they can do exactly as they please they are very hard to drive."

At Hohmans The Florist

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Throne Jewels.

In the "gold pantry" at Windsor castle, one of England's chief royal palaces, is the gold tiger's head taken from Tipu Sahib's throne in 1799. It is life size, and the teeth and eyes are of rock crystal. Another relic captured at the same time is the jeweled bird called the umu, shaped like a pigeon, with a peacock tail. The feathers blaze with precious stones, and a great emerald hangs from its breast. According to an old Indian legend, whoever owns this bird will rule India.

Carmen Vote to Continue Strike.

New York, Dec. 18.—Unionized car men, who went on strike in this city and parts of Westchester county last September, voted to continue the strike. It was announced by officers of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees.

MEHLIN'S GREENHOUSES

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Choice plants and cut flowers. Will have our formal opening when greenhouses completed fully stocked.

Stopped Children's Croup Cough

"Three weeks ago two of my children choking and coughing, and I as they were having an attack of croup," writes Billie Mayberry, Eckert, Ga. "I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and gave them a dose before bedtime. Next morning their cough and all sign of croup was gone." H. P. Dunn, druggist. mwf

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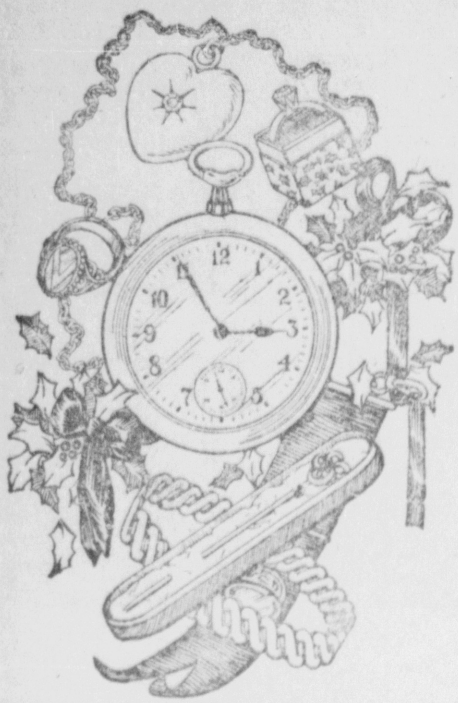
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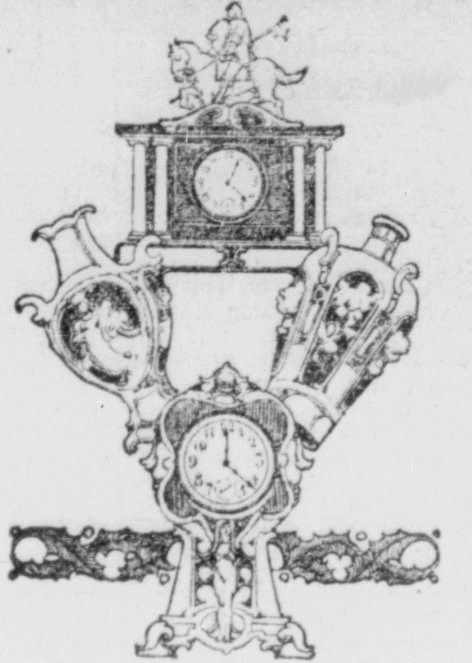
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SPORT NEWS

KARHUNSAARI TO MEET AL FRANCES

Local Man in Fine Fettle to Give Canadian Wrestler a Warm Encounter Friday

FINN TO WRESTLE IN DAKOTAS

Has Match Scheduled Wednesday at Jamestown, N. D., and Aberdeen, S. D., Saturday

According to the sporting dope, the wrestling match between Henry Karhunsaaari, Brainerd's champion middleweight wrestler, and Al Francis, middleweight champion of Canada, will be one worth going miles to see. It is the one chance that Karhunsaaari has to qualify to meet Ketonen, the best man of this class in the United States. If the local wrestler has the wherewith to put Francis on his back, he is then due for a match with the champion. And the local fans are one and all of the opinion that Brainerd's Finnish wrestler will not let this opportunity get by, in order to be eligible to take a chance at the fellow higher up.

According to all reports Francis is just as anxious to keep the Finnish aspirant where he is, and will certainly put forth his best efforts to gain the decision at the Park opera house next Friday night.

It seems that Francis is kind of a general secretary to Ketonen, as he is always willing to take on all aspirants for the middleweight championship first. Then if they are better than he, they are eligible to try the man on top, yet these fellows are few and far between.

Karhunsaaari will go to the mat for a finish match next Wednesday evening at Jamestown, N. D., and he also had a match Saturday night in Aberdeen, S. D., so it can be seen that he is in the best of form, and is keeping so all the time.

CHEYENNE HOTEL FIRE FATAL

California Man Leaps From Balcony, but Dies on Live Wire.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 18.—One life is known to have been lost, a child was seriously burned and four persons are missing in a hotel fire here.

Roy A. White of Baylis' Cal., was electrocuted when he leaped from a third-story window and caught in a tangle of electric wires. His wife and three children are missing. A fourth child, nine months old, was rescued burned seriously.

About twenty guests were in the building and, with the exception of the missing members of the White family, all were thought to have been rescued.

THAT JAR OF MUSTEROLE ON THE BATH-ROOM SHELF

Has Relieved Pain for Every One in the Family

When little Susie had the croup; when Johnny got his feet wet and caught cold; when father sprained his knee; when granny's rheumatism bothered her—That jar of Musterole was right there to give relief and comfort.

Musterole is a clean, white ointment, made with oil of mustard. It will not blister like a mustard plaster.

Quick relief for sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosted feet, colds on the chest (it often prevents pneumonia). Try Musterole for croupy children.



B. H. S. BASKETBALL

(By E. J. G.)

Friday night put an end to the basketball tournament for the year 1916, yes, and a most sorrowful end for the Juniors, for they have lost the inter-class championship and the inter-class championship "banner" has passed on to the hands of the Seniors who went through the tournament without losing a single game. The Juniors first laid their claim to the title as Freshmen. Then, as Sophomores, they showed their ability to retain that title. As Juniors their incompetency to withstand the assaults of the winning Senior team of 1916, showed itself and the exuberant Senior class gave a fine demonstration of their sorrow at having to wrest from the hands of a once successful team as the Juniors had been, the much prized championship banner. The 1916 Freshmen did not make much of a mark this year as they went through the season with a clean slate. They never won a game, not a single one and played six games.

After several little semi-humorous speeches by John Olson, Charles Scarlet and John Peters who expressed their extreme modesty at having to relieve the Juniors of the sign of a conqueror, President Clement McComas of the Junior class stated that he was perfectly willing to admit that they had been defeated fair and square, that he thought that every man played his level best and the Junior class was, on the whole with few exceptions (the person or persons who removed the pennant from its position on the Junior side of the assembly and mysteriously returned it before Monday) willing to submit to the conquerors and admit that the Seniors were a little faster team than the Juniors.

The pennant now occupies a conspicuous place in the Senior assembly from which position it now flaunts a defiant furl to all Juniors who may come to once more gaze on the proud banner which only a short time ago was one of the prized possessions of the Junior class.

Next Friday the "KAU" of the Brainerd high school will be assembled in full fighting force on the floor of the auditorium. It has been intimated that Crosby has one of the most formidable teams ever assembled under the Crosby colors and the game promises to be one of the fastest in the season. 15 games are scheduled and an exciting season is expected. All are welcome to the game Friday night.

Come up and get a little touch of the greatest disease that ever infested the body of man, that famous disease known to enthusiasts as basketball.

LEWIS MACHINE GUN BARRED

Secretary Baker Says His Department Condemns Weapon.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Official condemnation of the Lewis machine gun, extensively purchased for the British and Canadian armies, is expressed in a formal statement issued by Secretary Baker, assuming full responsibility for the action of the war department with respect to the much-discussed weapon and directing that the controversy among army officers over it cease.

The statement shows that the inspector general was directed to investigate the whole matter of the treatment of the Lewis gun, named after its inventor, a former army officer, when "the controversy reached the stage where open letters from high ranking army officers were published." A board of officers had already agreed with previous boards that the gun was not suitable for extensive purchase for the army.

Zulu Kid Says He'll Finish Jimmie Wilde

By J. W. PEGLER

United Press Staff Correspondent.

London, Dec. 18.—With the Stars and Stripes draped in his corner, Young Zulu Kid, the little Flatbush dreadnaught, today entered the ring to battle Jimmy Wilde, British fly-weight champion in the first title bout of the insect division.

Wilde has wiped out British opposition and Zulu has practically a clear claim to the American flyweight title so today's 20-round fight is for the world's championship.

London's leading sport celebrities paraded their funeral hats and pearly-grey spats to the weighing-in ceremony held at ten this morning in Holborn Stadium ring where the battle takes place. Neither man trained with the object of reducing as their normal weight is within a few pounds of the mark, 112 pounds. Zulu's brief session of training was merely to put him on edge for the scrap.

The American challenger slipped into London last night from Brighton the English coast resort. Escorted by Velvet Joe Sarnie, his modest manager and Alf Mansfield, the British bantam, Zulu topped into a taxi for a round of formal calls on his newspaper friends.

Later the party adjourned to a gilded hotel on the Strand where they locked their striped sweaters and the ceremonial water bucket in the safe with their gold-headed canes before hitting the hay for the night. Reappearing this morning little Zulu was happy and confident but modest in his predictions.

"I have never seen Wilde fight," he said, "so I can only plan my side of the scrap on what I have been told of him. I understand he is a boxer and a hitter which means that I will have to keep in close all the way and force him to fight. He has a great reputation and some of my friends are afraid I will not be able to stand the gaft."

"I will do my best; that is all I can promise. But I feel certain Wilde can be beaten."

Don Heinrich O'Flaherty, the Chinese philologist will lay aside his duties as war correspondent to act as one of Zulu's advisers during the fight. Heinrich and Zulu were friends when Zulu was campaigning in the middle-west and Zulu's first precaution was to secure O'Flaherty's promise to be in his corner. Wilde trained in his native Welsh hills with routine bouts scattered through the program. Jimmy is abnormally tall for a flyweight but of very slender build. Zulu is short and thick with a forearm like Jack Dillon's. It is Wilde's first bout in a year in which he has not been compelled to give away from eight to twelve pounds in weight.

A troop of carpenters who has transformed the stadium had scarcely finished their work at noon when the sport elite began arriving. The preliminary bouts were over at 2 o'clock and the principals with their managers, seconds and literary friends were called to the center for instructions.

Jack Callaghan the promoter of the fight has offered Zulu a big figure for a year's music hall work in addition to today's \$2,500 guarantee if he wins decisively.

Coughed Fifteen Years

Coughs that hang on and grow worse in the night are relieved by Foley's Honey and Tar. R. F. Hall Mabe, Va., writes: "For 15 years I was afflicted with a troublesome bronchial cough and irritation of the throat. Foley's Honey and Tar relieved me; and after taking one bottle the cough ceased." H. P. Dunn, druggist—Advt. mwf

GERMANS BREAK UNDER NEW BLOW

Allied Attack Wrests Ground From Enemy Near Verdun.

TEUTONS GAIN IN THE SOUTH

Mackensen's Armies Now Near Forests in Dobrudja Where Foe Is Expected to Stand—Russian Troops Win Height.

London, Dec. 18.—The French are continuing their great offensive in the Meuse sector of the Verdun front and have made further gains. The British also have made progress and succeeded in raiding enemy trenches near Ransart and southwest of Wyt-schaete, gaining a foothold in both cases.

The German war office admits the loss to the French of the village of Bezonsvaux and a wood to the west of that place, but asserts that the French thrust further to the northward broke down before the German fire on a height north of Bezonsvaux.

British Are Repulsed.

The new French lines at Vacherauxville and Bezonsvaux and in the Chambrette farm region have been betavely bombarded by the German guns. North of the Ancre river, in the Somme sector, the British detachments attempted to enter German trenches, but were repulsed.

Teutonic armies under Field Marshal von Mackensen in Eastern Wallachia have crossed the Buzen and Lower Calmatul rivers and, in addition to taking 1,150 prisoners, have captured great quantities of railroad rolling stock, with innumerable vehicles of all kinds.

Fleeing in Dobrudja.

The pursuit of the Russian and Roumanian troops in Dobrudja continues and the Teutonic forces now are close to the forest district in the North, where it is expected the Russo-Roumanian armies will offer a stiff resistance. Petrograd admits the capture by the German and Bulgarian forces of the village of Testnele in Dobrudja.

Desperate encounters marked the fighting in Volhynia. The forces of Prince Leopold are declared by the Berlin war office to have stormed Russian positions on a front of 600 yards north of the railroad between Kovel and Lutsk.

A thrust by the Russians near Ilukast was repulsed. This result was accomplished only after three desperate attacks, according to Petrograd.

Southwest of Valeputna, in the wooded Carpathians, the Russians, after repelling an attack by large German forces at the point of the bayonet, captured a height.

PORTUGUESE RISING HALTED

Small Force of Rebels Is Put Down and Leader Arrested.

Paris, Dec. 18.—There have been revolutionary outbreaks in various parts of Portugal, according to a Havas agency dispatch from Lisbon. An official note, however, declares that the uprising has been quelled and that Lisbon is quiet.

The Lisbon dispatch reads: "Machado Santos, at the head of a small troop of rebels, tried to enter Abrantes, on the Tagus, eighty miles north-east of Lisbon, a town of about 8,000 population, but the mutiny was quickly repressed. Santos was arrested."

Trevino at El Paso.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 18.—General Trevino, former commander of the Carranza forces in Chihuahua City, arrived by special train and left for Eagle Pass on his way to Queretaro. He said he had no intention he would be sent on a mission abroad. His brother, Francisco Trevino, late civil governor of Chihuahua and several staff officers accompanied him.



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Millions of folks bathe internally now instead of loading their system with drugs. "What's an inside bath?" you say. Well, it is guaranteed to perform miracles if you could believe these hot water enthusiasts.

There are vast numbers of men and women who, immediately upon arising in the morning, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This is a very excellent health measure. It is intended to flush the stomach, liver, kidneys and the thirty feet of intestines of the previous day's waste, sour bile and indigestible material left over in the body which if not eliminated every day, become food for the millions of bacteria which infest the bowels, the quick result is poisons and toxins which are then absorbed into the blood causing headache, bilious attacks, foul breath, bad taste, colds, stomach trouble, kidney misery, sleeplessness, impure blood and all sorts of ailments. People who feel good one day and badly the next, but who simply can not get feeling right are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store. This will cost very little but is sufficient to make anyone a real crank on the subject of internal sanitation.

Just as soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and freshening, so limestone phosphate and hot water act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. It is vastly more important to bathe on the inside than on the outside, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do.

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